

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1.     **(Currently Amended)** A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:  
defining alert filter criteria;  
identifying an alert condition;  
analyzing ~~one or more properties of~~ the alert condition based on the alert filter  
criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria **analysis comprises:** ~~comprise:~~  
          **determining** an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and  
          **determining** a severity level associated with the alert condition;  
determining whether to report the alert condition ~~, the determination based at least in~~  
part on the **urgency level and the severity level** ~~analysis of the one or more properties of the~~  
~~alert condition;~~ and  
selectively reporting the alert condition.
2.     **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein:  
the alert condition is associated with an object; and  
the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** an importance level  
associated with the object; **and**  
          **the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in**  
**part on the importance level.**
3.     **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert  
condition comprises identifying a potential alert condition.
4.     **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein:  
the ~~alert filter criteria~~ **analysis** further comprises **determining** a level of risk  
associated with ~~the~~ a potential alert condition; **and**  
          **the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in**  
**part on the level of risk.**
5.     **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property  
representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition comprises:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:  
a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining alert filter criteria;  
an alert condition detector for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;  
an alert condition filter for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and  
a severity level associated with an alert condition;  
and

an alert notification module for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein:  
at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and  
the alert filter criteria further comprises an importance level associated with the object.

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a potential alert condition.

12. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with an alert condition.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with an alert condition.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16. **(Previously Presented)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter comprises property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17. **(Previously Presented)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:  
means for maintaining alert filter criteria;  
means for identifying a plurality of alert conditions;  
means for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:  
    an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and  
    a severity level associated with an alert condition;  
and  
means for selectively reporting at least one identified alert condition.

18. **(Previously Presented)** Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to:  
define alert filter criteria;  
identify an alert condition;  
analyze one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:  
    an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and  
    a severity level associated with the alert condition;  
determine whether to report the alert condition, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition; and  
selectively report the alert condition.

19. (New) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:  
defining alert filter criteria;  
identifying an alert condition;  
analyzing the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the analysis comprises:

determining an importance level corresponding to an object associated with the alert condition; and

determining a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition based at least in part on the importance level and the severity level; and

selectively reporting the alert condition.

20. (New) The method of Claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the urgency level.

21. (New) The method of claim 19, wherein:

the analysis further comprises determining a level of risk associated with the alert condition; and

the determination of whether to report the alert condition is based at least in part on the level of risk.